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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF NEA DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
WILLIAMS

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1. FOLLOWING MISSION COMMENTS ON REFTEL MAY BE OF  
USE TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES IN PREPARING FOR WILLIAMS'  
VISIT AND US ACCESSION TO NEA.

2. WE ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON'S INTEN-  
TION STATED PARA 2 REFTEL (A) THAT FULL US MEMBERSHIP  
IN NEA NOT DETRACT FROM MAIN POLICY THRUST IN IEA.  
AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE OUR OWN MISGIVINGS ON JOINING  
NEA WERE BASED PRIMARILY ON THIS CONSIDERATION.  
OBVIOUSLY WHEN US WILL BE FULL MEMBER OF NEA THERE WILL  
BE A TENDENCY FOR THAT ORGANIZATION TO BECOME A FORUM  
FOR POLICY CONSULTATIONS IN NUCLEAR FIELD BECAUSE IT  
WILL BE THE ONE ORGANIZATION IN WHICH ALL THE NUCLEAR-  
SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES ARE REPRESENTED.  
A STATEMENT ON OUR INTENTIONS RE IEA R&D COMMITTEE  
SHOULD APPROPRIATELY BE MADE IN IEA CONTEXT NOT REPEAT  
NOT IN CONNECTION WITH NEA ACCESSION. BUT STATEMENTS  
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OF INTENT WILL NOT SUFFICE. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO

BACK UP POLICY STATED PARA 2 REFTEL (A), BY CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR REPS IN NEA AND IEA WHICH IMPLEMENT IN A CONCRETE WAY OUR DETERMINATION TO USE THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WAY INTENDED BY WASHINGTON.

3. AS WE EXPLAINED IN REFTEL (C) BECAUSE OF "FRENCH PROBLEM", NEA ACTS AS LEAD AGENCY FOR IEA IN SPECIFIC AREAS ESSENTIALLY BY "DOING ITS OWN THING". IN OUR JUDGEMENT THERE ARE POLITICAL LIMITATIONS TO NEA'S ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE MORE EXPLICITLY THAN IT HAS THAT IT IS UNDERTAKING A PROJECT ON BEHALF OF IEA. WE MIGHT TRY TO PUSH FRENCH BY SEEKING "WRITTEN CONFIRMATION" OF RESPECTIVE ROLES BUT BELIEVE THIS EFFORT WILL NOT ONLY BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES WE WANT NEA TO UNDERTAKE; IT MAY ALSO CALL IN QUESTION DELICATE POLITICAL BALANCE WITH FRENCH ON A NUMBER OF ENERGY ISSUES IN OECD.

4. WE HEARTILY ENDORSE DEPARTMENT'S INTENTION TO MAKE IEA R&D ACTIVITIES HARDWARE ORIENTED. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL WE HAVE IN THE PAST MADE A FEW SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR MAJOR IEA HARDWARE PROJECTS. NEA'S HISTORY ON THE OTHER HAND HAS BEEN HARDWARE ORIENTED, VIZ. DRAGON, HALDEN' EUROCHEMIC, ETC. IT HAS NOT UNDERTAKEN NEW HARDWARE PROJECTS RECENTLY BECAUSE GOVERNMENT POSITIONS HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE, BUT IT MAY RESPOND TO STRONG US INITIATIVE TO DO SO IF, OF COURSE, WE CAN CARRY OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND WASHINGTON'S CONCERN WITH

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BUDGET DOCUMENT AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS. ALL OF LATTER ARE FOR TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AS STATED IN BUDGET DOCUMENT WHICH TAKES FULL ACCOUNT OF FOUR SPECIFIC PROJECTS ON BEHALF OF IEA. BUDGET FOR 1976 HAS BEEN APPROVED AND VACANCY NOTICES HAVE BEEN POSTED. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT FURTHER PROGRAMS AND STAFFING CHANGE BE DISCUSSED WITH WILLIAMS IN TERMS OF SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF POSSIBLE PARTIAL US 1976 CONTRIBUTION. HOWEVER, IF US AND/OR OTHER PARTIES DO NOT PUT FORWARD VERY QUICKLY STRONG AND APPROPRIATE CANDIDATES FOR THESE POSTS, INEVITABLY SOME OF THEM WILL BE USED AS VEHICLES TO PROMOTE LESS QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS FROM WITHIN NEA ITSELF.

6. WE SEE NO HARM AND SOME UTILITY IN DISCUSSING INTENTIONS RE US MEMBERSHIP IN NEA WITH MAIN IEA PARTNERS. WE TRUST WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE CAREFULLY EXAMINING NEA'S STATUTE WITH A VIEW TO ANY POLICY AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AMENDMENT OR RESERVATION WHEN ACCEDING. IF THERE ARE ANY SUCH MAJOR REQUIREMENTS ON JOINING THIS LONGSTANDING CLUB OF ALL OTHER OECD COUNTRIES, SAVE NEW ZEALAND,  
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THESE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH NEA SECRETARIAT AND WITH OTHER KEY DELEGATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

7. AS PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED, WILLIAMS AND STROHL PLAN TO BE IN WASHINGTON FOR FULL DAY'S DISCUSSION MARCH 5. LEGAL PAPERS RELATING TO US ACCESSION TO THE NEA WERE HAND-CARRIED TO DEPARTMENT AND ERDA LAST WEEKEND. MISSION HAS TOLD WILLIAMS AS INSTRUCTED IN REF (B) THAT WE MAY WISH TO HAVE STROHL STAY OVER UNTIL MARCH 8. WILLIAMS IS RELUCTANT TO LET STROHL NEGOTIATE ALONG AND SUGGESTS THEN THAT MEETING BE HELD ON MARCH 4 AND MARCH 5 TO ALLOW THEM TO BE TOGETHER. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
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